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SUBJECT: FOOD/ENERGY/POPULATION TEAM

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1. ON BALANCE FOOD/ENERGY/POP TEAM WAS SUCCESSFUL
THOUGH PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS, EXCEPT FOR GROSSLING,
WAS UNEXCITING AND CONSISTED OF DATA KNOWN TO WELL INFORMED
LAYMEN.

2. BERNARDO GROSSLING IS STRONGEST MEMBER OF TEAM,
NOT JUST BECAUSE HIS SPANISH IS NATIVE, BUT BECAUSE
HE PRESENTED NOVEL AND FRESH STATISTICS ON ENERGY.
HIS PRIVATE TALK WITH MINES AND HYDROCARBONS
OFFICIALS WAS EXCELLENT.

3. ALLEN WAS GOOD, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE QUALITY
OF HIS SPANISH ENABLES HIM TO SPEAK EXTEMPORANEOUSLY
RATHER THAN READ STODGY PROSE.

4. MERRILL'S SPANISH IS INADEQUATE, HIS PLATFORM
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STYLE DEADPAN, HIS DATA DULL. HE IS BETTER IN

ONE-TO-ONE SITUATION.

5. TEAM'S MAY 26 PRESENTATION AT NATIONAL
PLANNING COUNCIL NOT VERY SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE LEVEL
WAS TOO ELEMENTARY FOR WELL INFORMED PROFESSIONALS.

6. LARGER SEMINAR MAY 27 FOR ONE HUNDRED, CON-
SISTING OF MEMBERS OF CEM (CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS
MILITARES), MILITARY CADETS, AND BUSINESS EXECUTIVES
PRODUCED ANIMATED DISCUSSION. WE ATTRIBUTE SUCCESS
TO FACT THAT MOST PARTICIPANTS WERE LAYMEN RATHER
THAN TOPMOST TECHNICIANS IN RESPECTIVE FIELDS DISCUSSED.
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